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# That Was Then



Plandome Road School in 1870

## EDUCATION IN MANHASSET *Second public school*

In 1863, the Manhasset Union Free School District was established. In 1864, an acre of land was purchased on the hill and in 1869 the next school building opened its door at the corner of Plandome Road and Memorial Place, which was a two-story wooden structure with a bell in its belfry. The

sign below the front peak of the building identified it as the Manhasset Public School District No. 6. In 1874, compulsory elementary education came to New York State and this new building had to be more than doubled in size with extensions in 1892 and 1899. It served Manhasset from 1869 to 1914.

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